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Majority prices in the major terminal markets were generally unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady in the West. Retail and food service demand following the holiday weekend was slow to moderate, and market conditions were being assessed. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules for this week were part time with many plants down yesterday for New Years. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Wings were in the best position, sufficient to tight, and clearing well. Breast items and dark meat were mixed, but overall readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 02-JAN-2006.

(cents per lb)		US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	63.52	37
Chicago	52.00-55.00	56.09	37 :	57.53	72
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	58.48	20
Denver	77.50	77.21	12 :	77.96	13
Detroit	54.00-56.00	55.80	10 :	59.81	48
Los Angeles	78.00	75.77	52 :	70.26	144
New York	55.00-58.00	57.08	25 :	59.32	55
Philadelphia	54.50-56.00	55.33	12 :	55.74	25
Pittsburgh	54.00-57.00	56.00	12 :	62.37	59
St. Louis	54.75	54.19	20 :	55.92	31
San Francisco	78.50	77.45	31 :	73.04	89

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	01/02/06	Change/Last Wk	12/26/05	01/03/05
593	63.33	1.00	62.33	69.98

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	59.00-62.00	60.04	36
Central	49.00-64.00	59.34	70
Western	57.00-64.00	63.47	34
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	68.00-72.00	69.57	83

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,084	52.00-71.50	69.33
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	139.50	1,304
BREASTS - B/S	109.00	5,698
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.00	1,401
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	1,050
LEG QUARTERS	29.00	8,199
WINGS	84.50	2,907

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest was fair to fairly good following the extended holiday weekend. Offerings were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, wings were clearing satisfactorily. Breast items ranged adequate to available with boneless skinless breasts in a better balance than the previous week. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the extended holiday weekend was mixed with market developments being monitored and needs being refilled. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Processing schedules were mixed with some plants down yesterday for New Years. In the parts structure, movement was irregular. Wings were in the closest balance and clearing well. Dark meat was balanced to close, and breast items were mostly available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. The market tone was about steady with trading reported at mainly unchanged prices to mixed levels. Offerings were about adequate on whole body WOGs under 3.5 pounds and fully adequate on heavier weights. Retailer demand was moderate; good where features in progress or planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was steady to firm on parts with bone-in breast and wings in the strongest position. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 1.00 to 59.50, with the volume reported unchanged at 26 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The trade sentiment on broiler/fryers was steady with offerings light for the spotty first of the month business. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate. Floor stocks were mostly balanced, ranging short to long for the hand to mouth purchase activity; weights mostly desirable. Parts supplies were adequate for most trade needs with wings in tightest position. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on boneless dark meat cuts, barely steady on bone-in dark meat cuts, and barely steady to weak on breast items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonal and fairly good overall. Seller offerings were generally adequate. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were very light Monday as several plants closed for the holiday and today's schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, inquiry for wings had tapered and supplies were fully adequate. Boneless/skinless breasts were moving into a closer, better balance. Other items were adequate to fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	54-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate at best as dealers attempted to assess market conditions following the holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to available for current needs. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient and wings were clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was fully steady for wings; about steady to barely steady for breast items. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		100-105	99.86	691,760
TENDERLOINS		95-100	88.70	211,060
BREAST - WITH RIBS		51-52	64.95	58,720
BREAST - LINE RUN		51	52.50	72,000
LEGS		39-40	39.53	226,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		22-23	24.46	364,000
DRUMSTICKS		29-30	36.57	98,520
THIGHS		32-33	42.22	48,760
B/S THIGHS		95-96	94.01	94,160
WINGS (WHOLE)		82-83	85.02	246,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.21	22,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		50-55	48.51	15,502
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		70-75	74.95	20,400

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,040	80.00-98.00	-	89.92
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	2,320	19.00-22.00	22	21.59
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	2,352	21.00-25.00	21-22	21.52

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 12/30	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 12/27
Alabama	4,105	4,095	5.15	3,991	4.74
Arkansas	5,423	5,466	5.28	5,226	4.86
Delmarva	2,313	2,622	5.76	2,319	5.73
KY-LA-TN	2,316	2,068	5.03	2,228	4.87
Mississippi	3,097	3,496	5.70	2,816	5.29
North Carolina	2,539	3,021	6.57	2,542	6.90
Texas	2,460	2,528	5.15	2,522	5.22
Total	22,253	23,296	5.50	21,644	5.33
Mon-Tue	31,216(A)			26,417(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Jan 2005 is estimated to be 33,293,000 up 2.51 percent from a week ago. and up 5.3 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,479,000 last year 31,629,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	695	90.00-100.00	92-95	93.91
TENDERLOINS	248	75.00-139.00	82-87	86.10
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	248	30.00-48.00	31-32	31.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	588	19.00-24.00	20-22	21.28
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,194	20.00-31.00	24-25	24.01
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	79.00-87.00	80-84	82.18
WINGS (CUT)	285	95.00-110.00	99-100	100.49
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JANUARY 3, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
33.50 - 38.00	35.81

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 02-JAN-TO 06-JAN-2006

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	85.00 - 113.00	90.00 - 103.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	50.00 - 75.00	57.00 - 61.00
LEGS	39.00 - 41.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 32.00	24.00 - 26.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	24.00 - 37.00	26.00 - 28.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 32.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 29.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	80.00 - 95.00	85.00 - 88.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 70.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	83-100
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	86.5-102.5

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	89-105
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 109
DUCKS	185-190

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 30, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — **PRICES** — **VOLUME** —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	18.00	480,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-20.00	13.00-17.00	2,912,000	1,872,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.17	15.31		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 30, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — **PRICES** — **VOLUME** —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
15-20%				
RANGE	16.75-20.00	11.00-17.00	1,178,400	648,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.29	13.55		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate at best for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Sales of finished product were fair to instances fairly good. The undertone steady to at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-JAN-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15	11-13	12.08
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand for spent hens was fair with offerings fully adequate for needs. Schedules were reduced at most plants. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-JAN-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5	11-13	12.20

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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